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SUBJECT: SPARE PARTS FOR MACCHI AIRCRAFT

REF: KINSHASA 2286

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PARTS ON ITS REGULAR FLIGHTS TO KINSHASA.
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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION KINSHASA FROM STATE MARCH 16:

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